



93
B) IFW

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	10/520,823
Filing Date	January 7, 2005
First Named Inventor	Hirohisa TANAKA et al.
Art Unit	1754
Examiner Name	Cam N. NGUYEN
Attorney Docket Number	71465.0012

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Fee Transmittal Form
- ☐ Fee Attached
- ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ After Final
 - ☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)
- ☐ Extension of Time Request
- ☐ Express Abandonment Request
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☐ Reply to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application
 - ☐ Reply to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

- ☐ Drawing(s)
- ☐ Licensing-related Papers
- ☐ Petition
- ☐ Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application
- ☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Request for Refund
- ☐ CD, Number of CD(s) _____
- ☐ Landscape Table on CD

- ☐ After Allowance Communication to TC
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and Interferences
- ☐ Appeal Communication to TC
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
- ☐ Proprietary Information
- ☐ Status Letter
- ☒ Other Enclosure(s) (please identify
below):
 - A copy of the Supplementary European
Search Report dated October 2, 2006, along
with 6 cited references therein.

Remarks

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Akerman Senterfitt
Signature	
Printed name	Jean C. Edwards, Esq. by Sean L. Ingram, Esq. - 48,283
Date	October 30, 2006

Reg. No. 41,728

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature

Typed or printed name

Date

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Hirohisa TANAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1754

Application No.: 10/520,823

Examiner: Cam N. NGUYEN

Filed: January 7, 2005

Atty. Docket No.: 71465.0012

Confirmation No.: 5058

Customer No.: 57362

For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING CATALYST

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sirs:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. The References were listed in the Supplementary European Search Report (ESR) dated October 2, 2006. It is requested that the information on Form PTO/SB/08A be considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record and appear among the "References Cited" on any issued patent.


Enclosed herewith are: 1) Database WPI Week 198725, Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; AN 1987-174728; XP002399290 & an English language Abstract of the Japanese Patent Application No. JP S62-106845; 2) Database WPI Week 198751, Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; AN 1987-359570; XP002399291 & an English language Abstract of the Japanese Patent Application No. JP S62-262745; 3) an English language Abstract of the Japanese Patent Application No. JP H10-277389; 4) Database WPI Week 199412, Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; AN 1989-058534; XP002399292 & an English language Abstract of the Japanese Patent Application No. JP H01-011643; 5) a copy

of the European Patent Application No. EP 1 035 074 A1; and 6) a copy of the French Patent Application No. FR 2 665 089 in French. All of these references were first cited and characterized in the ESR, which should satisfy the requirement for a concise statement of relevance. In accordance with the rules in effect for application filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. patents and/or patent applications are not enclosed.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, no fee is believed to be required. Should any fee be required, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

 #48283
for Jean C. Edwards, Esq.
Registration No. 41,728

AKERMAN SENTERFITT
801 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Suite 600
Washington DC 20004
Telephone: 202-824-1719
Facsimile: 202-393-5959
Date: October 30, 2006



U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/520,823
Filing Date	January 7, 2005
First Named Inventor	Hirohisa TANAKA et al.
Art Unit	1754
Examiner Name	Cam N. NGUYEN
Attorney Docket Number	71465.00012

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

**Examiner
Signature**

Date
Considered

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.